

COATS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. GLENN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. STEVENS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 213

Whereas the United States Army Reserve was created by statute on April 23, 1908;

Whereas the United States Army Reserve was the first of the Federal reserve forces created by Congress;

Whereas the United States Army Reserve has played a major role in the defense of this country for 90 years;

Whereas many notable Americans have served with distinction in the United States Army Reserve, including Presidents Harry S. Truman and Ronald W. Reagan, the current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Henry H. Shelton, Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Major General William J. Donovan (Director of the Office of Strategic Services during World War II), Drs. Charles H. Mayo and William J. Mayo, and Captain Eddie Rickenbacker;

Whereas the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Strom Thurmond, who received the Purple Heart for injuries received while participating in the Normandy invasion with the 82d Airborne Division on D-Day, served with distinction in the United States Army Reserve for 36 years, rising to the rank of Major General;

Whereas the United States Army Reserve contributed more than 160,000 soldiers to the United States Army during World War I;

Whereas the United States Army Reserve was recognized by General George C. Marshall for its unique and invaluable contributions to the national defense during World War II;

Whereas more than 240,000 soldiers from the United States Army Reserve were called to active duty during the Korean War;

Whereas 35 units of the United States Army Reserve were sent to Vietnam, where they served honorably and well;

Whereas the United States Army Reserve contributed more than 90,000 soldiers to Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield in 1990 and 1991;

Whereas the United States Army Reserve has contributed more than 70 percent of the reserve soldiers mobilized in support of Operation Joint Endeavor/Joint Guard in Bosnia;

Whereas the United States Army Reserve constitutes a very high percentage of the mission essential combat support and combat service support forces of the Army;

Whereas the Army cannot go to war without the 1,100,000 trained Ready Reserve and Retired Reserve personnel of the United States Army Reserve;

Whereas the United States Army Reserve is a community-based force with over 1,200 facilities in communities across the United States; and

Whereas the United States Army Reserve has made these contributions to the security of our country in return for a very small percentage of the Army budget: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the United States Army Reserve on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of its establishment on April 23, 1908;

(2) recognizes and commends the United States Army Reserve for the selfless and dedicated service of its past and present citizen-soldiers who have preserved the freedom and national security of the United States; and

(3) recognizes Strom Thurmond, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, for 36 years of service with distinction in the United States Army Reserve.

SENATE RESOLUTION 214—COM- MENDING THE GRAND FORKS HERALD

Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. MOYNIHAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 214

Whereas the residents of the Grand Forks area in North Dakota and Minnesota experienced the most devastating floods in 500 years during April 1997;

Whereas more than 50,000 residents of the Red River Valley area were severely displaced for months by the flooding;

Whereas the offices of the Grand Forks Herald, whose newspaper has a daily circulation of 37,000, were displaced by the floods and moved to various locations to publish the newspaper, including the University of North Dakota and Manvel Elementary School, and the paper was printed by the St. Paul Pioneer Press of St. Paul, Minnesota, to enable the paper to maintain continuous publication;

Whereas the Grand Forks Herald publisher Mike Maidenberger, editor Mike Jacobs, and more than 70 staff members, whose lives were turned upside down by the floods, never failed to publish an edition of the newspaper during the floods, sometimes hitting a circulation of 117,000 and keeping the community together even though the paper's facilities were totally destroyed;

Whereas the Grand Forks Herald was honored with journalism's most prestigious award, the Pulitzer Prize for public service, for its extraordinary efforts to continue publishing during the severe flooding; and

Whereas the dedication and devotion of the Grand Forks Herald to the community made an extraordinary difference in the lives of many people during the flooding by helping to maintain a sense of stability during this terrible natural disaster: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Grand Forks Herald and its staff for their dedication to community and excellence in public service; and

(2) congratulates the newspaper on being selected to receive one of our Nation's most coveted awards for public service, the Pulitzer Prize.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE EDUCATION SAVINGS ACT FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

GORTON (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2293

Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MACK, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 2646) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

TITLE —EDUCATION FUNDING

SEC. —01. DIRECT AWARDS OF CERTAIN EDUCATION FUNDING.

(a) STATE OPTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to subsection (b)(2), each State shall notify the Secretary regarding the State's election to receive the State's portion of the applicable funding described in subsection (e) according to one of the following options:

(A) STATE BLOCK GRANT OPTION.—The State may receive the funding pursuant to a State allotment described in subsection (c)(1)(A).

(B) LOCAL BLOCK GRANT OPTION.—The State may direct the Secretary to send the funding directly to local educational agencies in the State pursuant to a local allotment described in subsection (c)(1)(B).

(C) FEDERAL STATUTE OPTION.—The State may receive the funding according to the provisions of law described in subsection (e).

(2) OPTION REQUIREMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A State shall select an option described in paragraph (1)—

(i) within 1 year of the date of enactment of this Act;

(ii) pursuant to a majority vote of the State legislature; and

(iii) with the concurrence of the Governor.

(B) FAILURE TO SELECT AN OPTION.—If a State fails to select an option in accordance with this subsection, the Secretary shall award the applicable funding pursuant to paragraph (1)(B).

(C) CHANGES.—A State may alter the selection made under paragraph (1) only once and only after receiving the applicable funding for 3 years pursuant to 1 of the options described in such paragraph.

(3) MINIMUM.—No State shall receive an amount under this section for a fiscal year that is less than 0.5 percent of the applicable funding available for the fiscal year.

(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(A) the term "State" means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

(B) the term "outlying area" means Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the United States Virgin Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

(b) RESERVATION AND APPLICABILITY.—

(1) RESERVATION.—From the total amount of applicable funding available for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall reserve 1 percent to make awards to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the outlying areas according to their respective needs for assistance under this section.

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The provisions of this section shall not apply—

(A) for fiscal year 1999, if the total amount appropriated to carry out the provisions of law described in subsection (e) for the fiscal year is less than \$2,564,000,000;

(B) for fiscal year 2000, if the total amount so appropriated for the fiscal year is less than \$2,625,000,000;

(C) for fiscal year 2001, if the total amount so appropriated for the fiscal year is less than \$2,687,000,000;

(D) for fiscal year 2002, if the total amount so appropriated for the fiscal year is less than \$2,750,000,000; and

(E) for fiscal year 2003, if the total amount so appropriated for the fiscal year is less than \$2,817,000,000.

(c) BLOCK GRANTS.—

(1) ALLOTMENTS.—

(A) STATES.—From the total applicable funding available for a fiscal year, and not reserved under subsection (b)(1) for the fiscal year, the Secretary may make allotments to